Delaware Water Gap

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Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Pennsylvania & New Jersey



Planning a Canoe Trip



Liveries bring your canoe to the put-in location and pick it up from your take-out location for you. Liveries provide paddles and life vests. Most liveries also rent kayaks, tubes, and rafts. These liveries operate within the recreation area.

Within the park /nearby

Kittatinny Canoes (in park at Dingmans Bridge) 2130 Rt. 739, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328 570 296-5890, 800 356-2852, 800 FLOAT-KC www.kittatinny.com

Adventure Sports Inc., P.O. Box 175, Marshalls Creek, PA 18335 (2 miles north on Rt. 209 at I-80 PA Exit 309) 570 223-0505, 800 487-2628, 487-BOAT www.adventuresport.com

Chamberlain's Canoes P.O. Box 555, Maple Press Bldg, River Rd. & Old Mill Rd., Minisink Hills, PA 18341 570 421-0180, 800 422-6631 www.chamberlaincanoes.com

Delaware River Country Trips from north end of park to Bushkill, PA River Road just east of traffic light on Rt. 209 Fernwood Resort, Bushkill, PA 18324 877 570-6700

Shawnee River Trips Minisink Hills, PA 18341 570 424-4000 Ext. 1120, 800 SHAWNEE Ext. 1120 www.shawneerivertrips.com Water Gap Adventures P.O. Box 147, 88 Broad St. (I-80 PA Exit 310) Delaware Water Gap, PA 18327 570 269-5584

Kayaks East Guided kayak trips RR 5 Box 5407, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301 570 421-3432, 866 529-2532 www.kayakeast.com

True North Farm Guided day & overnight trips with meals 2273 Gap View Dr., East Stroudsburg PA 18301 610 716-5968 www.truenorthfarmpa.com

Scott Huber Stand-Up Paddle Boards Maple Press Bldg., River Rd. & Old Mill Rd. Minisink Hills, PA 18341 570 422-1993

North end of park, near Interstate 84

Indian Head Canoes and Rafts P.O. Box 293, 3883 Rt. 97, Barryville, NY 12719 800 874-2628 www.indianheadcanoes.com

Jerry's Three River Campground & Canoes P. O. Box 7, 2333 Rt. 97, Pond Eddy, NY 12770 845 557-6078 www.jerrys3rivercampground.com

Silver Canoe Rentals 37 South Maple Ave., Port Jervis, NY 12771 845 856-7055, 800 724-8342 www.silvercanoe.com

Additional liveries north of the recreation area are listed on the website of Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River at www.nps.gov/upde.

South end of park, near Interstate 80

Delaware River Rafting & Canoeing Delaware River Family Campground P.O. Box 142, 100 Rt. 46, Delaware, NJ 07833 908 475-4517, 800 543-0271 www.njcamping.com/delaware

River Camping

Overnight camping on the river is allowed in the recreation area subject to various regulations.

The *River Map and Guide* lists locations of campsites and applicable regulations

Recommended Equipment

For a day trip:

Food and water for the day, trash bags, water bailer, kneeling pads, waterproof bags, raingear, windbreaker, insect repellent, river map, flashlight, spare car keys.

In addition, for an overnight trip:

A change of clothes, extra socks (wool or high performance synthetic, even in summer), tent & ground cloth, sleeping bags (nights on the river can be cool), portable cook stove.

Mileage between Access Points

ACCESS POINTS	MILES	CUMULATIVE
Milford Beach, PA (mile 0)		0
Milford Beach, PA (mile 0) to Namanock, NJ (mile 4)	4	4
Namanock, NJ (mile 4) to Dingmans Access, PA (mile 8)	4	8
Dingmans Access, PA (mile 8) to Eshback, PA (mile 14)	6	14
Eshback, PA (mile 14) to Bushkill Access, PA (mile 18)	4	18
Bushkill Access, PA (mile 18) to Poxono, NJ (mile 26)	8	26
Poxono, NJ (mile 26) to Smithfield, PA (mile 28)	2	28
Smithfield, PA (mile 28) to Worthington State Forest, NJ (mile 30)	2	30
Worthington SF, NJ (mile 30) to Kittatinny Point, NJ. Canoes only. (mile 34)	4	34
Kittatinny Point, NJ. Canoes only. (mile 34)		34

Whitewater

The stretch of the Delaware River within the recreation area is not a whitewater area; there are only a few Class I (smallest) rapids here.

For a whitewater experience, visit the website of the Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River, or contact tourist agencies for the Lehigh River Valley around the town of Jim Thorpe, PA.

Your Safety

Calm water doesn't guarantee that you won't take a spill!

- Always wear a life jacket while on the river.
- Each occupant on a boat must HAVE a life vest which fits properly, is in good shape, and is accessible in an emergency.
- Children 12 years of age and younger must WEAR a life jacket on board a vessel.
- Think: your life jacket might not save you if you don't have it on!
- In Pennsylvania, while boating in a vessel less than 16 ft. in length or canoeing or kayaking, you must wear a life jacket between November 1 and April 30.

EMERGENCIES: 1-800-543-4295 24-hour toll-free number for reporting crimes or emergencies in Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

If you capsize DON'T PANIC!



- Stay with your capsized canoe. Even a swamped canoe can suppport you.
- Keep on the upstream side of the canoe to avoid being pinned against a rock or obstacle.
- If you lose your canoe, float on your back, feet first and pointed downstream.
- Hang on to your paddle if you can; it can be useful as a rudder or to push away rocks.
- Don't stand up in rapids. Your feet and legs can get trapped; the current can pull you under.
- Save people first. Retrieve equipment only if it can be done safely.

